Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has the Government understood the question highest comma, average comma and lowest comma. If that were put and printed, will the question be clear?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Any number of commas may be inserted. The Government still maintain that the question is still vague.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government give a classified statement of how the subjects of the State are eating drinking and clothing.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Government cannot give a classified statement of all these.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it the position of the Government that English is a vague language?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I don't think an answer is necessary for that.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If the Government cannot give a direct answer, can you give us an indirect answer in the matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—We only give direct answers.

Labour Repression in Cochin.

317. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly state:—

whether they have read all the series of the Leaders of Karshaka-Thozhilali under the heading "Labour Repression in Cochin" (Vide some of my questions as well above)?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

318. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) whether there are any points requiring their enquiry in the leading article of Karshaka-Thozhilali in its 98th issue and what the points are;

(b) the result of their enquiry mentioned in (a)?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) and (b) The allegations are unfounded.

319. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question No. 318 will the Government kindly state:—

(a) whether in all the remaining instalments of the Journal's Leaders on the same subject, namely "Labour Repression in Cochin", there are any points requiring their enquiry and what those points are;

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(b) the result of their enquiry mentioned in (a)?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) The allegations in the articles are unfounded. The matter was investigated by the Police and there is no reason to suspect the bona fides of the D. S. P.'s report. No further enquiry was therefore deemed necessary in the matter.

(b) Please see answer to (a).

Mr. K. G. Nair.—May I know why the Police undertook an investigation in this matter?

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—On a point of order, Sir. Will the president be pleased to direct that copies of the papers be placed on the table. I cannot understand what the article referred to in the 98th issue of the Karshaka Thozhilali is .... Heaven alone knows what the article says. In such questions will the President be pleased to direct that copies of the journal referred to be placed on the table of the House. I do not know whether any body except the member who has put the question knows what is contained in it.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—We enquired because we received a petition from the parties concerned either through the court or direct. I have not got the file with me.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Did the Police take action *suo moto* or did the Government ask the Police Commissioner to enquire into the matter?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I cannot say exactly because I have not got the papers.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—The question does not relate to any petitions at all. It relates to a series of articles in the leaders of the Karshaka Thozhilali. May I know whether the Police Commissioner does not get copies of these papers and when they are printed?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon—No.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.— Who brought the attention of the Police to the leaders of the Karshaka Thozhilali? Was it only after receiving the question that the D. S. P. was asked to investigate into the matter?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The subject matter of the leader was brought to our notice long before. A complaint was put in alleging labour repression by a certain landlord either to the Court or to the Police before it appeared in the leaders. So the matter was taken up by the Police.

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Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Did the Commissioner of Police ascertain why no action was taken by the Police subordinates in the matter of complaints lodged at the police station?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I don't know how that question arises from my answer.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—The Hon'ble Member has answered that there are complaints at the police station. I asked a supplementary question whether in view of those complaints at the Police Station the Hon'ble Member for Police thought fit to take any action on it?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—We did take action. We enquired into the petitions and made the parties refer to the Court.

Mr. K. G. Nayar—Are there proceedings in the Police station to the effect that the police officers have referred the matter to the court?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It all depends upon whether it is a non-cognisable or a cognisable offence.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—In the case of cognisable offences have the police officers taken proper steps and necessary action?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It all depends upon the fact whether a complaint is received by Anchal or the complainant appears at the police station and gives a statement.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Was any cognisable offence disclosed?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I have not got the file now.

State Museum—realisation of the value of the articles taken for sale by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

320. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—(a) What action has been taken by the Government on the report made to them by the Curator of the State Museum that the value of the articles of the Industrial Section of the Museum taken by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for sale on his own responsibility and also the value of the other articles of the section given to him on credit were still due from him;

(b) what is the total amount under the two heads referred to;

(c) what steps have been taken to realise the full amount from the Registrar;

(d) when will the whole amount be realised from him;

(e) from which date or dates the aforesaid amount was due;

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